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THIS IS TO ADVISE YOU THAT THE COST OF THE RESEARCH VESSEL

OPERATION (RT-03-04:PPIS#000168) IS NOW PROJECTED AT \$370K AS

COMPARED TO OUR CURRENT FINANCIAL PLAN OF \$350K. THIS \$20K

OVERRUN CONDITION HAS RESULTED FROM LESS USAGE OF THE VESSEL

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TO AVOID CANCELLATION OF THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED BNL MEDICAL

SURVEY TRIP SCHEDULED TO BEGIN IN MID-SEPTEMBER, ADDITIONAL

FUNDING MUST BE PROVIDED. BECAUSE OF THE COMMITMENTS OF THE

MEDICAL PERSONNEL INVOLVED, AND IN ORDER TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY

ACTIONS IN THE APPROPRIATE TIME FRAME, IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT NV

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